

THE LAMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We are a family of faith wrapping our arms around God's world

and making Jesus Christ a way of life

through **worship**, as we praise and glorify God;

through **study**, as we listen for God's Word in body, mind and spirit;

through **mission**, as we embody God's love in service to the world;

through **giving**, as we express gratitude to God;

through **fellowship**, as we love and care for one another.



FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY

December 30, 2018

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
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10:15AM

“Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.”
-Colossians 3:14

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

RINGING THE BELL

PRELUDE

Noel Far from Home

Jan Meyerowitz

Lullaby

Alan Hovhaness

Prelude

Mario Castelnuovo-Tedesco

Little Suite for Piano

Lou Harrison

Pastorale

WELCOME

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

INTROIT

Little Suite for Piano

Lou Harrison

Chorale

* CALL TO WORSHIP (*John 1:14, 1 Tim. 3:16, Ps. 98:3*)

Ann Silk

Leader: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.

People: We have beheld his glory. Alleluia!

Leader: Glory to Christ, who is proclaimed among the nations and believed throughout the world.

People: All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God. Alleluia!

Leader: O come, let us worship the Christ child, who has come among us!

* GATHERING HYMN 113 “Angels We Have Heard on High”

GLORIA

* INVITATION TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Gracious God, you have come to us

as the Prince of Peace,

but we have yet to receive the fullness of your coming.

We struggle to find the way of peace

in a world where might makes right.

We confess that often we find it easier

to place our faith in the powers of this world

than in your eternal reign.

**Forgive us, we pray, and change us.
Conform us more and more to your image,
that we may show your goodness and grace.
We pray in the name of Jesus the Christ,
who came to set us free.**

* KYRIE (*Hymn 575*)

**Lord, have mercy upon us;
Christ, have mercy upon us;
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

* ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (*Hymn 113, refrain*)

GLORIA

**Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Psalm 148

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SOLO

"I Wonder as I Wander"
Benjamin Wilton, guitar

Traditional

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

(Children are excused to go with their teachers to church school.)

SECOND READING

Colossians 3:12-17

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PIANO SOLO

A Musical Moment in D-flat Major

Sergei Rachmaninoff

SERMON

"Clothes Make the Christian"

The Rev. Dr. Carl Wilton

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

* HYMN 110

"Love Has Come"

BRING A TORCH

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Apostles' Creed*)

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy
Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,
dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the**

dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

SOLO

"Canticle of the Turning"
Benjamin Wilton, guitar

STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN
words by Rory Cooney

THE OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

A Child's Daydream

Charles Mills

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

* DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE SENDING

* SENDING HYMN 134

"Joy to the World"

ANTIOCH

* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"
Benjamin Wilton, guitar

Traditional Spiritual

* POSTLUDE

Pastoral

Nicolas Slonimsky

** All who are able please stand*

Welcome to Lamington: If you are a guest, please fill out the information card in the pew and return it in the offering plate or to the pastor or usher at the end of the service. The church office is closed on Mondays and open Tuesday-Friday from 10:00AM-4:00PM. Please note that the office may sometimes need to close early due to a personal reason or an emergency—it is best to call/email the office to be sure we are in: (908) 572-7013, lamingtonchurch@gmail.com. If you have a pastoral care emergency and need assistance immediately, please contact Pastor Carl Wilton at (908) 910-5360.

Church Staff

The Rev. Dr. Carl Wilton, PASTOR

James Goldsworthy, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

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Bennett Spotts, BASS SECTION LEADER

Victoria Borrelli; Yiran Zhao, SOPRANO SECTION LEADERS

Mary Ann Scott and Susan Scott, SUNDAY NURSERY CARE

Lori Larsen, CHURCH TREASURER (*volunteer*)

Today's Worship Notes

The song, "Canticle of the Turning," is hymn #100 in the *Glory to God* hymnal. Carl P. Daw, Jr. writes of it in *Glory to God: A Companion* (Westminster John Knox Press, 2016): "From the very beginning it is evident that this is no tame paraphrase of the Song of Mary (Luke 1: 46–55), often called by its first word in Latin, *Magnificat*. It identifies with, and draws energy from, the deeply revolutionary implications of what it means for the mighty to be put down from their thrones and for the lowly to be lifted up.... Yet there is also a significant difference here from most revolutionary songs. This one is not recruiting the singers to act on their own initiative but to be aware of how God has acted, is acting, and will continue to act — possibly through them." Of the folk tune to which the hymn is set, "Star of the County Down": "This pentatonic tune is the Irish cousin of KINGSFOLD (see no. 182). In some versions, the two tunes are identical, but the Irish example given here retains a bit more wildness than the domesticated English form. Several different folk-song texts associated with the tune concern a singularly beautiful young woman, who may either marry or scorn the singer, sometimes even sailing to America without him.... The tune name honors the beautiful young lady (the "star") from this northeastern county of Ireland, now one of the six counties in Northern Ireland."

LITURGIST: Ann Silk

DEACONS: Sallye Grubel and Sandi Ramsay

COFFEE HOUR: *No Coffee Hour Today*

Prayer Requests, Joys, and Concerns

Prayer Request Cards can be found in the pews. Please place your request(s) in the offertory plate, or email/phone the church office at lamingtonchurch@gmail.com / (908) 572-7013. Please remember to keep the church office updated on prayer requests submitted.

We Pray For...

- ✝ **Mary Ann Legako**, as she recovers over the next months from a broken leg. Mary Ann lives in Oklahoma and is the mother of Meridith Scott.
- ✝ **Gunnar Bickhardt**, was born on July 30 with heart issues. He has gone through two open heart surgeries. He recently had surgery to fix the oxygen flow to the heart. We pray for Gunnar's continued healing, strength and comfort.
- ✝ **Peter Nicoletti**, who continues to battle cancer. We pray for strength and comfort as he undergoes treatment. Peter is the brother-in-law of Katina and Ivan Medina.

The Upcoming Week

Sunday, December 30	8:45AM	Choir Practice
	10:15AM	Worship
	10:30AM	Church School
	11:30AM	Handbell Choir Practice
Sunday, January 6	8:45AM	Choir Practice
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	11:30AM	Handbell Choir Practice

Note: The Church Office is closed until January 2.

Pastor Carl can be reached on his cell phone (908.910.5360) for pastoral emergencies.

The Officers of The Lamington Presbyterian Church

Session

Class of 2019

Lynn Carter
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Immanuel Thomas



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Valerie Fraser
Jim Grubel
Greg Halsey
Alison Paine
Georgie Schley

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